

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a five (5) month extension of time within which to submit an appeal brief, thereby extending the period within which to file an appeal brief up to and including April 9, 2007 (April 7, 2007, being a Saturday). Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal on September 7, 2006. The petition fee for a five (5) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5) is included herewith. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

Please charge the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$2,950.00 to cover the request for continued examination (RCE) fee of \$790.00 and the five (5) month extension of time fee of \$2,160.00. It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of this response, but should any fees be necessary, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

This response is provided in the following format:

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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.